

MAY 2008

SWSC NEWSLETTER

From the Commodore – May 2008

Ahoy SWSC sailors.

It has been a busy, albeit short month since our last meeting. The St. Thomas Cruise on Lake Allatoona went without a hitch and was well attended; Mark Press and I attended the 50th Dauphin Island Race in Mobile Bay; (see other articles for full details of both events); we had a race day and we had a race day cancelled. The sign project is coming along, the templates are cut and are ready for partial display and further discussion about the finish.

Through nobody's fault in particular, we got on the bad side of the weather gods this year. On 4-5 occasions this year the scheduled event on Saturday had to be cancelled, while on the next day there was usually great sailing weather – just to rub it in. We may have to tweak our race schedule to avoid further cancellations and to give us the chance to make up some of the lost races, possibly have races on Saturday and Sunday (after church). At this moment it is just an idea, but if you are into racing, stay tuned for details.

Just a tidbit of detail about the pranks the weather gods are playing with us this year: Last Saturday, there was rain in the forecast as were thunderstorms and potential severe weather with hail etc. At 11 in the morning it had rained, the radar and the clouds looked

ominous and we cancelled the race. No more rain appeared over the lake, no thunderstorm showed up, but at 3 pm the sun broke through and the Optimists from AYC had a great regatta...

I keep my fingers crossed that our next meeting at Victoria Harbor's restaurant comes off without a hitch. I had visited the restaurant a couple of weeks ago and had a sit down talk with the new owner. She was very cooperative and accommodating and it sounded like she will be good to her word. Maybe it is the economy, maybe the cool weather, or it's just too early in the season, but it is my impression, that there is a lot less (power) boat traffic on the lake this year. Coves are empty and even jet skis are scarce. No complaints from this sailor though.

The raft up schedule is kicking in as are the Memorial Day festivities and races at the end of the month; early in June the BEER cruise will begin out of Pensacola. I think we have at least 4 boats participating this year (Hunter, Widmier, Holcomb, Kohler) maybe more – if you need to be talked into it, I certainly will give it a try.

I hope to see many of you at the meeting or even better on the water soon.

Hope to see you there.

Fair Winds to all
Andy Kohler
Commodore

The Great SWSC Spring Cruise of 2008 on Lake Allatoona

First off, many thanks to Steve Gully for again organizing and handling the details of the 3 day cruise for us. It started about 6 weeks ago when Sam Hunter, Scott Widmier, Steve and yours truly scouted for possible anchorages up and down the lake. Our primary concern at that time was to see where there was enough water for the fleet to get even close to shore. Wow, what a difference a month makes. The lake was at or slightly above full pool when we started our trip this time. The anchorages proved superb as we all could bump the boats right up to a 2-3 ft bank, tie off to tree and step off the bow onto dry land. We got really spoiled in this regard this time – no shuffling of dinghies to and from shore.

Anchored near Sweetwater Campground Friday evening, Ruth Leber in her pontoon boat was the only lady in residence; she roughed it in her on-board-tent through the short rain that fell that night and appeared to be quite happy with her new boat. Jordan Ball, Sam Hunter, Steve Gully, late arriving Scott Widmier and I rounded up the party for this evening. Donna and Gary Holcombe had planned to splash Kay Lanier in the evening and come across the short distance from their new harbor but had to cancel due to some 'technical difficulties' with the trailer hitch...

We raised their mast the next morning and they joined us for the second night near Wilderness Marina.

Friday evening was already a partial sailing trip, as the wind was 5-10 or even more and from a westerly direction that helped us move along well. We just motored or motor sailed through the S-turns.

Saturday was a very windy day, with 10 -15 on the nose (from the west) gusting above that frequently.

Reefing was prudent and relieved the heeling and the stress at the tiller. Jordan, Sam, Scott and Steve sailed from our anchorage around 10 in the morning, Ruth pattered along in the Pontoon boat; I stayed with the Holcomb's and lent a hand in stepping the stick on Kay Lanier. On my way down the lake I had a strange experience when a pontoon boat pulled out of its track and shot at a right angle straight towards me, my first thought of course : what the h@%% is he doing when I recognized Sue Baxter under the canopy. Waving proudly from behind the wheel was Doug Baxter skippering their new water toy across towards Victoria. If this trend continues, we can form our own pontoon boat flotilla within SWSC. There can never be a shortage of party platforms...

Scott made a stop at Harbor Town to pick up his son for the second half of the journey. Jordan Ball enjoyed

sailing so much (or fought the gusts so intense) that he did not remember that he had food in his truck at Harbor Town Marina until he was well past AYC. When he remembered, he promptly dropped his sails, motored back to the marina got his food , motored back to the spot where he had turned around and continued sailing from there – now that's a man who has his priorities right...

Also joining us from this day on was Brian McBrayer in his cruising Catalina and Scott's son on their Mac 26.

Ruth Leber had to leave that day and now Donna Holcombe was the only lady of the boat party.

The anchorage for Saturday was even better than the great one the night before. We tucked all the boats side by side away at the very end of a small cove, all bows touching a grassy bank; near a level spot overlooking the approach to the bay, already equipped with a stone walled fire ring. It was a fantastic site for a picnic, cooking, eating and just chilling;

This anchorage was maybe ¼ mile from the bank that we had originally scouted out, but it was tucked away behind a small hill and far back; one could not see any of the boats until you were within 200 ft. of the fleet.

Scott's son got to paddle around in Brian's inflatable dinghy. He had a great time exploring the cove and being our lookout for approaching boats – it was a very child friendly anchorage.

Saturday night was the pot-luck supper where everybody contributed with their fare. Steve went all out and had a great charcoal fire going – where he was grilling some of the finest looking liver that one can imagine – turns out, the bits and pieces were really well marinated steak bites that several people got 'sold' as liver...

Sunday morning everybody slept in (that is Steve got up at 5...) and coffee and pancakes aroma swept over the boats. We all tied off from our anchor trees around 10 and started back home. Jordan and Brian elected to stay near the dam and explore this area before sailing back later. The wind was still out of the west, and after the turn into the main body of the lake near Park Marina everybody was going wing to wing at least for some time down the chute. Only Kay Lanier raced along 10-20 degrees off the wind, jibing back and fore;

We all know the saying : when 2 sailboats are going the same way they are racing....

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Well, we had all of our boats going in the same direction and without it being officially declared, it was a great race coming back: everybody tucked on the sails, whisker poles, jockeyed for position, trying different sides of the channel to get one up on the competition. The wind was strong, but as usual in the s-turns was coming from all directions of the compass or not at all. Boats were sitting dead in the water in some spots, while yards away others were heeling big time. All boats made it to the turns in close quarters, but when we exited, Scott had pulled way ahead of us, while I was making sure, nobody was left behind....

Andy Kohler

Within minutes of each other, all boats arrived back safely at Harbor Town to conclude another great sailing trip of our club. There will be a similar event again in the fall (up to Watts Bar Lake) for a Fall color cruise.

Pictures of our cruise can be seen on the webpage and should be an inspiration for others to come on out and join the fun. It is really a hassle free endeavor that can be suited to your time available: sail for one, two or three days in great conditions.

Most appreciative to all participants and the chief organizer Steve Gully.



March 2008 Meeting Minutes

South Winds Sailing Club

Thursday, April 08, 2008

Barnacle's Bar and Grill

Kennesaw GA

The April meeting of the SWSC was called to order at 8:05 pm by Fleet Captain Scott Widmeir in the absence of Commodore Kohler. There were 18 members and guests present.

Reading of the March meeting minutes was waived after motion made and seconded.

Commodore's Report – please read the newsletter

Fleet Captain:

1. There was sun for the St. Patrick's Day picnic.
2. The Ladies Race was cancelled due to inclement weather.
3. The Bitter End Race started but was called due to the weather.
4. The weather has been rough so far this year, but please come Saturday for the scheduled SOTY race, despite predictions of rain.
5. So far this year, the Leaders are:
A Fleet – Steve Gully
B Fleet – Jordan Ball
Catalina Cup – Robert Forrester

Membership/Raft Ups/Calls: (J. Carter)

1. 29 of last year's 65 members have paid dues so far this year.
2. Joe has received 2 emails from people who want to move their boats from Lake Lanier to Lake Allatoona.
3. The first raft up is scheduled for May 17. There is currently no theme.

Old Business:

1. Gully - The St. Thomas Cruise is scheduled for April 18-20. It will begin at Sweetwater Creek and finish at Wilderness.
2. Widmeir – The B.E.E.R. Cruise had 5-7 SWSC boats last year, hope we have at least that many this year. Dauphin Island is scheduled for April 25.

New Business:

1. D. Baxter presented XL never worn club T-Shirt for auction – went to Scot Widmeir for \$10, donated to club coffers.
2. S. Gully – Andy has cut out the metal sailboat signs to be used at Kellog Creek Road but needs them painted. Steve will consult with Any to decide how professionally they should be done.
3. S. Widmeir – Boat slips are now year round only, seasonal slips no longer available.
4. A. Nix – asks for prayers for Bobbie Hansell, who is being tested for unknown ailments and for Sue McConnell, who will have brain surgery Tuesday, April 15.

The next meeting location to be announced.

The meeting adjourned by motion made and seconded at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alice P. Nix
Substitute YeoPerson

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location	Description
Monthly meeting	05/08/08 Thu 8:00pm	Props n Hops Restaurant	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM, meeting at 8 PM, at the new Props n Hops Restaurant in Victoria Harbour Marina 1001 Victoria Landing Dr. Woodstock, GA 30189 Restaurant phone 678-919-7802.
Mad Hatter Raft Up	05/17/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Sponsor: Ruth Leber Wear a hat, especially a fun hat. Bring picnic food that goes with hot dogs.
Memorial Day Picnic	05/25/08 Sun 5:00pm	SWSC	At the "Point" above "C" and "D" docks. Memorial Day Picnic 5:00 PM at the Point. The club will provide Fried Chicken. Please bring your beverage and a side dish or dessert.
Monthly meeting	06/12/08 Thu 8:00pm	TBD	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM.
Beach Party	06/14/08 Sat 12:00pm	Beach near Etowah Yacht Club	Sponsors: Gary and Donna Holcombe
17th Annual Jimmy Buffett Raft Up	06/28/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Sponsors: Joe and Louise Carter Bring Parrothead food to share with other members, and your own beverages. Contact Joe for more info. Sponsors: Joe and Louise Carter
Monthly meeting	07/10/08 Thu 8:00pm	TBD	Club Meeting: Dinner at 7 PM. Meeting at 8 PM.
Luau Raft Up	07/12/08 Sat 7:00pm	AYC Cove	Sponsors: Don & Candice Aherns
Red Neck Raft Up	07/26/08 Sat 7:00pm		Sponsors: Beth Brattebo & Nancy Johns

Upcoming Races

Race Name	Race Date	Committee	Description
SOTY Race	05/17/08 Sat 11am		
Ladies Race	05/24/08 Sat 11am		
Memorial Day Race	05/25/08 Sun 11am	George Manners	
Small Boat Race	05/31/08 Sat 11am	Gary L. Holcombe	
BEER Cruise	06/07/08 Sat 12am	Florida Race	Official BEER website located at: http://bellsouthpwp2.net/b/s/bs_allen
Halfyard Race	06/21/08 Sat 10am	Gary L. Holcombe	
4th of July Race	07/05/08 Sat 11am		
SOTY Race	07/26/08 Sat 11am	Robert Forrester	



Race Results

April 12th Race – We finally had plenty of wind for our races. We had 3 races with Steve Gully running committee. Scott and Robert were in the A fleet, with Scott placing 1st in all 3 races. Jordan Ball and Taylor Kidd were in the B fleet with Taylor placing 1st in all 3 races.

May 3rd Race – This race was cancelled due to poor weather heading in right at race time.



Race Standings for 2008

Skipper of the Year points – A Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Steven Gully	11.178
Robert Forrester	9.836
Scott Widmier	8.068
Andy Kohler	7.702
George Manners	3.000
Jon Clausen	1.459
Gary L. Holcombe	1.000
Garrett and Shannon Holcombe	1.000

Skipper of the Year points – B Fleet

Skipper	Total Points
Jordan Ball	10.905
Taylor Kidd	10.885
Bob Ross	2.700
Ruth Leber	1.000
Collin McIntosh	0.909

Catalina points for the year

Skipper	Boat	Fleet	Total Points
Robert Forrester	Catalina 22	A	29
Andy Kohler	Catalina 22	A	17
Jordan Ball	Catalina 22	B	17
Bob Ross	Catalina 28	B	3
Jon Clausen	Catalina 22	A	2

The Spinnaker Bag

Look online for the latest –

The 50th Dauphin Island Race --- by Andy Kohler

http://sailswsc.org/php/spinnaker_bag/The_50th_Dauphin_Island_Race.pdf

Check out the latest changes on the site --- by Robert Forrester

Videos are now available for viewing. I created an account on Youtube.com. I uploaded videos and made them accessible from our site:

http://sailswsc.org/php/video_gallery.php



South Winds Sailing Club Membership Application Form

Complete this application and mail it along with your \$45.00 Annual fee (new members joining after July 1st, \$25.00) to:

South Winds Sailing Club
104 Springwater Trace
Woodstock, Georgia 30188

Member(s) Name: _____

Member(s) Address: _____

Contact Information: _____
Home phone: _____
Office: _____
Other: _____
Email: _____

Current Boat: _____
Length: _____
BoatName: _____
Current Marina: _____

Boating Interests: Social events Racing
 Crewing Raft Up Events
 Cruising

Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sponsors

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<p>Sailing is Life http://www.sailingislife.com/ contact Sam Hunter</p>	<p>POPE Machinery Erectors Inc. 2070 Attic Pkwy NW Kennesaw 770-426-4311 contact Fred Pope</p>
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Edited by: Robert Forrester